

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2004
Cabinet Room, Townsend Building

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by DIAA Chairperson Gerald Kobasa.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Gerald Kobasa, Mark Holodick, Gerald Allen, Dr. Robert Andrzejewski, Kathleen Wilbur, Sue Spileckie, Joan Samonisky, Dr. Kevin Carson, William Passwaters, Ted Williams, Sister Ann Michele, Dr. Lewis Atkinson, Robert Reed, Zane Robinson, Ed Kee, Dr. Jeffrey Hawtof. Jack Holloway, Executive Director, and Mary Cooke, Deputy Attorney General, were also in attendance. Phyllis Kohel and Dr. Garrett Lyons were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting and July 8, 2004 Board of Directors' Meeting

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2004 Board of Directors' Meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Passwaters and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Holloway commented on the financial report by explaining that there was a \$465.00 error that Tina and employees from the finance department at the Department of Education were checking. Mr. Holloway stated that all other information on the financial report was accurate.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

A. Request for Associate Member Status by The Independence School

Mr. Holloway commented that this was an annual request that was due in May but had just received. Mr. Holloway stated that the request was in order and recommends

approval. Some discussion ensued regarding the lateness of some of the requests for associate membership and whether there should be a fine. Ms. Cooke commented that if the Board wanted to assess a fine the schools would have to be notified first. The recommendation of the Board was to send a letter to the Independent Schools notifying them of the date the application for associate membership is due and the possibility of a fine for all late applications. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the request from the Independence School for Associate Membership. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

B. Proposal for Working Agreement with 20-20 Photographic, Inc.

Mr. Holloway explained that 20-20 Photographic, Inc. was asking for absolute rights to take pictures of all DIAA championship games and stated that they would then post pictures on website which can be purchased. He commented that 20-20 would give to DIAA a CD or DVD for use by the association and 5% of all sales. Mr. Holloway commented that this company comes highly recommended and feels this is a good idea. Ms. Cooke commented that if DIAA planned to do this the parents would have to give permission and suggested putting language on the physical form or to have a parental consent form on record. Ms. Cooke stated that this item could not be voted on today as it was not properly noted. A Board member recommended that this go to the Sports Medicine Committee to be added to the physical form. Mr. Holloway commented that this will not happen this year due to the HIPPA and FERPA but hoped that it could happen for next year. Mr. Williams made a motion to defer this till the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

C. Request for Sanction of Tournament Events

Mr. Holloway reviewed the events requesting sanctioning with the Board members and stated that two major tournaments, Beast of the East and Slam Dunk to the Beach, have not yet submitted their application. Dr. Hawtof made a motion to sanction the tournaments presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Carson and carried unanimously.

D. State Tournament Football Committee Proposal for Championship Games

Mr. Holloway stated that Mr. Dobrowalski, Chairman of the Football Committee, was withdrawing this proposal because Delaware State University does not have lights this year. Mr. Holloway commented that the field is great and that it holds approximately 6300 people and could still be a possible site to consider for the next few years but contests would have to be held in daylight. It was agreed that the tournament committee could consider games on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Kee made a motion to table this until the football committee has more time to look at. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

E. State Tournament Basketball Committee Proposal for Quarterfinal Games

Mr. Holloway commented that he was seeking permission for a one year trial basis to change the first week of the state tournament and keeping the second week the same. Mr. Holloway explained that all four of the girls' quarterfinal games would be played on Saturday at the Carpenter Center and the boys' quarterfinal games would be played on Sunday. Mr. Kee made a motion to approve contingent on approval to play on Sunday. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. 1st Annual Leadership Conference

Mr. Holloway commented that the first DIAA Leadership Conference was held at the University of Delaware Virden Center in Lewes. Mr. Holloway stated that it was a great experience for the students. Mr. Holloway also commented on the speakers that attended and the focus they placed on sportsmanship and leadership. Mr. Holloway stated that he would like to continue to hold this conference each year.

B. NASO/NFHS Sports Officials Summit, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kevin Charles, DIAA Coordinator of Officials, commented that this was a tremendous experience for six of Delaware's officials who were in attendance. Mr. Charles reviewed some of the key points that were discussed at the summit and stated that he plans to bring the summit attendees together to bring back some suggestions to improve the officiating in Delaware. He also thanked DIAA for their support in this officials summit.

C. Annual Sportsmanship Award

Mr. Holloway stated that out of the 82 member schools, he received three applications for the Sportsmanship Award. Mr. Holloway stated that the schools were William Penn High School, Thomas McKean High School, and Newark High School and that those schools will be announced to the membership as winners of the 2004 award at the October 6, 2004 DAAD Conference.

V. Presentation and Discussion

A. Coaching Education Courses

Mr. Holloway explained that he wanted to begin talks regarding coaching courses and wants to propose this for either next year or the following year. Mr. Holloway commented on the importance of sportsmanship and how we plan to approach this

subject. Mr. Holloway informed the Board about the recent workshop he held for athletic directors where he discussed the sportsmanship issues and stated that he also plans to speak to the superintendents, coaches, and officials about sportsmanship. Mr. Kobasa commented on the athletic directors workshop and stated that it was excellent. Some discussion ensued as to whether DIAA wants to mandate coaching courses in the future. Mr. Holloway commented that he would like to formulate a plan for the future and begin to make people aware of this and would be putting this on future agendas after he gathers more information.

VI. Other

Dr. Atkinson explained to the members of the Board that they were eligible to receive a \$100.00 stipend for each meeting and asked if they were interested in receiving it. Some members asked if it was mandatory and they were informed that the Internal Revenue states that it is not mandatory.

Ms. Cooke informed the Board that she does not have yet have a proposed order from the Delaware Military Academy appeal but was expecting to receive one soon.

VII. Public Comment

None

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Passwaters made a motion to adjourn at 10:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried unanimously.

Tina Tyre